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Council Chair Ernie Martin
Council Vice Chair Ikaika Anderson
CITY COUNCIL
City and County of Honolulu
Honolulu, HI 96813

RE: **IN OPPOSITION** OF Bill 9 (2012)
RELATING TO AGREEMENTS BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE HONOLULU
AUTHORITY FOR RAPID TRANSPORTATION OR THE HONOLULU BOARD OF
WATER SUPPLY
Hearing Date: Wednesday, March 21, 2012 City Council Chambers

Dear Chair Martin, Vice Chair Anderson and Council Members;

The Hawaii Building & Construction Trades Council, AFL-CIO is comprised of various construction trade unions throughout Hawaii and represents the interests of thousands of Hawaii's working men and women.

The Council OPPOSES Bill 9 which adds a new article to the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu that will require prior review, consent and approval by the City Council before any agreement(s) between the City and County and the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation or the Board of Water Supply are deemed authorized.

The Honolulu Board of Water Supply and the Honolulu Authority for Rapid Transportation are semi-autonomous bodies authorized by the City and County of Honolulu. Such powers, duties, and functions of these public authorities include the ability to make and execute contracts, and enter into agreements as deemed necessary and/or appropriate.

Having such semi-autonomous standing and authority to execute contracts and enter into agreements allow for a more streamlined and efficient method of administrative and fiscal management. The respective Boards of each semi-autonomous entity is charged with ensuring that all obligations under its authority is executed with the utmost of integrity and fiscal prudence.

Although we appreciate the City Council's efforts to provide additional administrative and fiscal oversight, we respectfully request that the respective Boards be allowed to fulfill their duties and responsibilities without unnecessary burdens and requirements that only result in reduced efficiencies and higher costs to the tax payer. We humbly request that you HOLD Bill 9.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in OPPOSITION of this measure. Mahalo

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